# **Earth Day 2014: Events Across Massachusetts**

The following events calendar is compiled as a public service by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and includes Earth Day activities held in Massachusetts, listed alphabetically by community. For more information about a particular event, please contact the individual or group listed as a sponsor.

### **AMHERST**

University of Massachusetts Amherst Earth Day "Yogathon" Tuesday, April 22, 2014 8:00 a.m.-7:00p.m. Fine Arts Center Terrace, UMass Amherst Campus

Join us on the Fine Arts Center Terrace, April 22 8 am - 7 pm, for the first annual Earth Day Yogathon Fundraiser for Protect Our Breasts. The day will include continuous yoga sessions with special guest instructors from Kripalu, local studios, and the Rec Center. For more information visit

https://www.isenberg.UMass.edu/events/Protect\_Our\_Breasts\_Earth\_Day\_Yogathon\_2137/ or http://protectourbreasts.org/yogathon/, email Alysse Foley at afoley@UMass.edu or call 413-545-0799.

#### **AMHERST**

University of Massachusetts Amherst Earth Day Sustainability Fair Tuesday, April 22, 2014 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Goodell Lawn, UMass Amherst Campus

This year's Earth Day theme at UMass Amherst is "Climate Change: Building a Diverse Movement for Environmental Justice and Sustainability." The campus community will be engaging in meaningful campus reflection and action toward building more diversity and inclusivity into the sustainability community here and more broadly. Join us as we explore what it means to be a socially conscious inclusive green community. For more information email Ezra Small at esmall@facil.UMass.edu or call 413-545-0799.

### **AMHERST**

University of Massachusetts Amherst Community Panel on Environmental Justice Tuesday, April 22, 2014 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. CHC Events Hall, UMass Amherst Campus

A community panel featuring Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse, Hip Hop Activist Rosa Clemente, and many more! For more information visit https://www.UMass.edu/sustainability/events/earth-day-2014-building-diverse-movements-environmental-justice-and-sustainability, email Ezra Small at esmall@facil.UMass.edu or call 413-545-0799.

### **AMHERST**

University of Massachusetts Amherst Building Diverse Movements for Environmental Justice & Sustainability Tuesday, April 22, 2014 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CHC Events Hall, UMass Amherst Campus

For more information visit https://www.UMass.edu/sustainability/events/earth-day-2014-building-diverse-movements-environmental-justice-and-sustainability, email Ezra Small at esmall@facil.UMass.edu or call 413-545-0799.

### **AMHERST**

University of Massachusetts Amherst Earth Day Keynote Address by Dr. Robert Bullard Tuesday, April 22, 2014 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Mahar Auditorium, UMass Amherst Campus

For more information visit http://www.UMass.edu/events/earth-day-keynote-address-dr-robert-bullard-father, email Ezra Small at esmall@facil.UMass.edu or call 413-545-0799.

### **ATTLEBORO**

Attleboro's Earth Day Recycling Event Saturday, April 12, 2014 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m. Recycling Center 29 Pond Street North, Attleboro

Paper Shredding Event - Residents may take up to two boxes (8"x18") to be shredded for free. There is a charge of \$5.00 for additional boxes. Mercury exchange program for thermometers. Compost demonstration with two kinds of compost bins for sale. Rain Barrels for sale please call 1-800-251-2352 - \$65.00 through April 5th. Rain barrels will be distributed on Earth Day. Sponsored by Attleboro Health Department. For more information, visit www.cityofattleboro.us/recycle, contact Rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us or call Cheryl Perry at 508-223-2222 Ext. 3245.

### **AUBURN**

Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Day Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Horgan Arena Parking Lot 403 Oxford Street, Auburn

Collection of household hazardous waste, electronics, and textiles. Event sponsored by the Auburn Board of Health. For more information call 508-832-7703.

### AVON

Town Wide Cleanup Day Saturday, May 10, 2014 8:00 a.m. Avon Town Hall 65 East Main Street, Avon

The Town of Avon is hosting a Town Wide Clean Up Day. Avon residents of all ages are invited to take part in this community building event. On clean up day we will meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 am and depart from there. Gloves and Bags will be provided; Teams will be breaking off to clean pre-selected areas of Town. Following the event participants are welcome back to the Town Hall for a Celebration Picnic If you would like to participate in the Cleanup Day or register your team, please contact Tara Tradd at the Avon Board of Health ttradd@avonmass.org or 508-588-0414 ext.1016

### **AYER**

A Cleaner Ayer and Shirley Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2014 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Depot Square, Ayer

Earth Day town-wide cleanup in both towns sponsored by Ayer Recycling Committee. For more information call 978-496-5839 or email ayerrecycles@gmail.com.

### **BILLERICA**

Billerica Clean Up Green Up Day Saturday, May 3, 2014 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Billerica

Earth Day Celebration featuring volunteer power to clean up neighborhood parks and pick up roadside litter, sponsored by the Town of Billerica, Billerica Alliance, Recreation Dept. For more information, email mdelahanty@town.billerica.ma.us

### **BILLERICA**

Billerica Donate/Reuse/Recycle Event Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Marshall Middle School 15 Floyd Street, Billerica

An Earth Day event featuring a donations to Cradles to Crayons, Bikes Not Bombs, Lowell Wish Project, RESTORE, Billerica Cat Care Coalition, Billerica Lions and more (flyer available upon request), sponsored by Town of Billerica Recycling Coordinator Mary Delahanty. For more information, email mdelahanty@town.billerica.ma.us

### **BOSTON**

"Party for the Planet" Earth Day Celebration Sunday, April 27, 2014 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (MassDEP Composting Workshops at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.) Franklin Park Zoo One Franklin Park Road, Boston

Learn how you can contribute to a healthy planet and preserve the Earth. The festivities will include opportunities to meet the zookeepers, plus animal enrichment activities, scavenger hunts, entertainment, eco-friendly exhibitors and much more! MassDEP will provide a Composting and Recycling exhibit with ongoing composting demonstrations and workshops. Sponsored by Franklin Park Zoo, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.zoonewengland.org/FPZevents">http://www.zoonewengland.org/FPZevents</a> or email <a href="mailto:rmorgan@zoonewengland.com">rmorgan@zoonewengland.com</a>.

### **BOURNE**

Town of Bourne Integrated Solid Waste Management Department Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 19, 2014 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 201 MacArthur Boulevard. Bourne

Earth Day Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of recycling in Bourne featuring tours, informational handouts, equipment displays, sponsored by the Town of Bourne Integrated Solid Waste Management Dept. For more information, visit www.townofbourne.com, click ISWM Dept., or email pgoddard@townofbourne.com.

### **BROCKTON**

Keep Brockton Beautiful Day Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 pm Heights Crossing 35 Christy Place, Brockton

Join in the community clean up and cookout sponsored by the Mayor's Office and DPW. Register at Heights Crossing May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 a.m. For more information visit

http://www.brockton.ma.us/Information/Events/EventDetail.aspx/2014/05/03/10th-annual-keep-brockton-beautiful-day, email dpw@cobma.us or call 508-580-7135.

### **DUXBURY**

Saturday, May 3, 2014 8:00 a.m.-4:00p.m. (rain or shine) Tarkiln Community Center Route 53, Duxbury

Town-Wide Community Clean-Up Event sponsored by the Duxbury Highway Department. For more information visit www.DuxburyLitterPatrol.com or email DuxburyLitterPatrol@gmail.com.

### **HANSON**

Green Hanson Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 26, 2014 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Hanson Town Hall Green 542 Liberty Street, Hanson

Earth Day event featuring music, family fun, kids' activities, and 'green' demos. Event sponsored by Green Hanson. For more information visit www.greenhanson.org or email greenhanson@gmail.com.

### **LAWRENCE**

Earth Day Cleanup Groundworks Lawrence Saturday, April 26, 2014 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Campagnone Common 200 Common Street, Lawrence

Earth Day cleanup event sponsored by Groundworks Lawrence. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/NorthParishofNorthAndover or email cook.cin@verizon.net.

### **LONGMEADOW**

Turn Trash into Cash Saturday, April 5, 2014 -Saturday, May 10, 2014 Townwide, Longmeadow

Curbside waste reduction enforcement and rewards. Event sponsored by Longmeadow Recycling Commission and DPW. For more information call 413-567-3400.

### **LONGMEADOW**

Earth Day Celebration at the Recycling Center Saturday, April 12, 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 30 Pondside Road, Longmeadow

Earth Day event featuring composting demo and education materials. Event sponsored by the Recycling Commission. For more information visit www.longmeadow.org or call 413-567-3400.

### **LONGMEADOW**

Paper Shredding and Electronics Collection Saturday, April 12, 2014 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Glenbrook Middle School, Longmeadow

Earth Day event featuring paper shredding and electronic collection. Event sponsored by Glenbrook PTO,Recycling Commission and Allied Waste. For more information visit www.longmeadow.org or call 413-567-3400.

### **MARLBOROUGH**

Prescription Drug Collection Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. OLD Landfill 200 Hudson Street, Marlborough

Collection of Prescription Drugs for the D.A. Office / Marlborough and Hudson Police Departments. Sponsored by the Marlborough/Hudson Boards of Health & Marlborough Emergency Management. For more information, email dcusson@marlborough-ma.gov.

### **MATTAPOISETT**

Center School Environmental Fair Wednesday, April 16, 2014 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Center School 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett

Showcase of environmental efforts of students and community, featuring a Celebration and educational activities. For more information, visit http://center.oldrochester.org/pages/Center or call Center School, 508-758-2521.

### **MEDWAY**

Clean Sweep 2014 Saturday, April 12, 2014 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. 45 Holliston Street, Medway

Volunteer to pick up roadside litter that has accumulated over the winter. The Town will provide the bags and gloves volunteers will need to complete the work. T-shirts will be provided to the first 200 to sign up. Waste Management, the Town's trash removal vendor, has generously agreed to make a special roadside pickup of the collected trash and recyclables. Event sponsored by Town of Medway and Waste Management. For more information visit <a href="http://www.townofmedway.org/Pages/MedwayMA\_BComm/BOS/CleanSweep-Information2.pdf">http://www.townofmedway.org/Pages/MedwayMA\_BComm/BOS/CleanSweep-Information2.pdf</a> or call 508-533-3264.

### **NEW BEDFORD**

Earth Eve Parade Thursday, April 10, 2014 Parade kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Parade weaves through downtown New Bedford

The Earth Eve Parade, the largest people-powered parade in New England! The parade will convene at 5:00 p.m. in front of the NB Public Library (613 Pleasant Street), with the procession beginning at 5:30 p.m. and travelling through the downtown historic district. Participants and their eco-floats – anything a person or group can wear, roll or carry along the procession route - will be moving to the beat of the New Bedford All-City Marching Band and the UMass Steel Drum Ensemble. The topics of this event are all about reducing, reusing, and recycling; plus don't miss the crowning of Mother Earth and Father Ocean! Event sponsored by AHA!, UMass Dartmouth, Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District. For more information email Marissa.Perez-Dormitzer@newbedford-ma.gov.

### **NEWTON**

Rain Barrel Pick Up Day Saturday, April 26 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 115 Rumford Avenue, Newton

Residents who purchased discounted rain barrels from Great American Rain Barrel, can pick them up at the Recycling Depot. Sponsored by the City of Newton and Great American Rain Barrel Co. For more information, visit www.newtonrecycles.com or call 617-796-1000.

### **NEWTON**

NewtonSERVES Sunday, April 27, 2014 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

NewtonSERVES is a Day of Community Service that brings together over 1,000 volunteers of all ages to complete more than 50 community projects for the benefit of numerous non-profit organizations and City of Newton departments. Sponsored by the City of Newton. For more information, visit http://www.newtoncommunitypride.org/NewtonSERVES.html or call 617-796-1540.

### **NORTH ANDOVER**

Story of Stuff Movie and Discussion Night Friday, April 25, 2014 7:00 p.m. North Parish 190 Academy Road, North Andover

An Earth Day showing of the Story of Stuff Movie and discussion night sponsored by North Parish Green Sanctuary & the Social Action Council. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/NorthParishofNorthAndover or email siharrington2@verizon.net.

### NORTH ANDOVER

Earth Day Potluck and Walk in the Woods Sunday, April 27, 2014 12:00 p.m. North Parish 190 Academy Road, North Andover

Earth day potluck sponsored by North Parish Green Sanctuary & the Social Action Council. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NorthParishofNorthAndover-or-email-sipharrington2@verizon.net">https://www.facebook.com/NorthParishofNorthAndover-or-email-sipharrington2@verizon.net</a>.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Senior Health Fair Tuesday, April 22, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield

Earth Day event with recycling & composting educational displays sponsored by North Brookfield Senior Center. For more information call 508-867-0235.

### **NORTH BROOKFIELD**

May Festival of Local Food, Farms & Gardens Saturday, May 3, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. 161 North Main Street, North Brookfield

Earth Day event with educational displays of composting & recycling sponsored by Haston Free Public Library. For more information visit www.northbrookfieldlibrary.org or email smithe\_01535@yahoo.com.

### **NORWOOD**

Earth Day 2014 Tuesday, April 22, 2014 7:00 p.m. Morrill Memorial Library 33 Walpole Street, Norwood

Earth Day even sponsored by Together Yes. Focus on animal life in the suburbs, both wild and domestic. Animal rescue and control presentations. Free, but sign up by calling 781-769-0200. For more information visit www.tgryes.org or email Susan Clare at sustain@tgryes.org.

### **PLYMOUTH**

Run for Your Mother Saturday, April 19, 2014 9:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. for the kids' run DCR Myles Standish State Forest

Come to the beautiful 4.5 mile course for walking or running. The course begins at Charge Pond and follows paved road, then enters bike path around Fearing Pond and back to finish at Charge Pond. Come for raffles and prizes, DJ, local vendors. Event sponsored by Plymouth Recycles. For more information go to Greenbeane.net or contact Sunny Beane at Sunnybeane@yahoo.com.

### **PLYMOUTH**

Federal Furnace Elementary School Goes Green! Wednesday, April 16, 2014 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 860 Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth

Mrs. Magnarelli's Kindergarten class made posters and got recycle bins for every teacher in the school. They also made a promise contract for each classroom to reduce, reuse and recycle! This will be the first time anyone at FFES recycles. Join Mrs. Magnarelli in supporting her kindergarten students who came up with this idea! For more information call 774-218-3986.

## **SEEKONK**

Seekonk Celebrates Earth Day –Litter Patrol Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 871 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk

Having fun with community members while picking up litter in designated areas of town! Event sponsored by the Town of Seekonk. For more information call 508-336-7407.

### **SHARON**

Sharon Green Day Saturday, May 3, 2014 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. High St. between the Library and Congregational Church, Sharon

Free community event promoting sustainable practices. Vendors, food, music, kid's activities & more! Sponsored by Sustainable Sharon Coalition. For more information, visit http://sustainablesharon.org/sharon-green-day/ or contact Silas Fyler at Nsfyler@comcast.net.

### **SHERBORN**

Compost Harvest Saturday, April 19, 2014 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Area Church 11 Washington Street, Sherborn

Screening and harvesting of a year's worth of UUAC's organic waste. Event sponsored by UUAC Environmental Action Group. For more information email environaction@uuac.org.

### **SHERBORN**

Earth Day Workshop: How each of us can help keep more carbon in the ground Sunday, April 27, 2014
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Area Church
11 Washington Street, Sherborn

Making mindful choices in our everyday lives can help each of us reduce our carbon footprint. Learn what decisions and habits can do the most to make our lifestyles and our homes more sustainable. Those who attend will have a chance to win one of several super-efficient LED light bulbs! Event sponsored by UUAC Environmental Action Group. For more information visit <a href="http://www.uuac.org/index.html">http://www.uuac.org/index.html</a> or email environaction@uuac.org.

### **SHIRLEY**

A Cleaner Ayer and Shirley Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2014 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Depot Square Ayer

Earth Day town-wide cleanup in both towns sponsored by Ayer Recycling Committee. For more information call 978-496-5839 or email ayerrecycles@gmail.com.

### SOMERVILLE

Mystic River Earth Day Clean-Up Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Blessing of the Bay Boathouse 32 Shore Drive, Somerville

Volunteers will help clean the Mystic River with Mystic River Watershed Association, the City of Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, Gentle Giant Rowing Club and KEEN Footwear. Please join the BBQ afterwards. Event sponsored by the Mystic River Watershed Association. For more information visit http://mysticriver.org/watershed-clean-ups/, call 781-316-3438, or email beth@mysticriver.org.

### **SPRINGFIELD**

Reduce Reuse Recycle Publication Wednesday, April 16, 2014 The Springfield Republican, Springfield

An Earth Day insert with great info. Publication sponsored by Springfield MRF Advisory Board/The Republican. For more information contact Arlene Miller.

### **TOWNSEND**

Townsend Earth Day Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, April 28, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. 270 Main Street, Townsend

Townsend Earth Day featuring the theme "Jump and Slither" Animals, Food, Music and Crafts. Sponsored by the Townsend Recycling Committee. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.townsend.ma.us">www.townsend.ma.us</a> or Facebook Townsend Earth Day, or call Irene Congdon at 978-597-9191.

#### **TYNGSBOROUGH**

Household Hazardous Waste Day Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tyngsboro Highway Department Kendall Road, Tyngsborough

For more information visit http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/town-calendar/ or contact koun@tyngsboroughma.gov.

### **TYNGSBOROUGH**

Town Wide Neighborhood Cleanup Month of April Town Hall 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough

After winter clean up of roads, sponsored by the Town of Tyngsboro. For more information, visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov or contact walkpapu@verizon.net.

### **WEST SPRINGFIELD**

West Springfield Earth Day Fair Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 a.m.-1:30p.m. West Springfield Town Common, West Springfield

Earth Day event featuring paper shredding, bike consignment, kids activities, live music, environmentally friendly products, information tables, raffle for rain barrel, backyard composter and Red Sox tickets. Event sponsored by the Environmental Committee and Dept. of Public Works. For more information visit www.west-springfield.ma.us or call 413 263-3234.

### **WEST SPRINGFIELD**

Clean-Up West Springfield Day Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mittineague Park Pavilion, West Springfield

Volunteers will clean up pre-determined site throughout Town, free lunch for volunteers. Event sponsored by the Environmental Committee and Dept of Public Works. For more information visit www.west-springfield.ma.us or call 413 263-3234.

### **WESTWOOD**

Climate Change presentation Tuesday, April 22, 2014 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Westwood Library 660 High Street (Rt. 109), Westwood

Earth Day presentation: "What are the facts? How do we minimize our impact? How might Westwood be affected?". Event sponsored by Westwood Environmental Action Committee. For more information email cbuckleycc@gmail.com.

#### WEYMOUTH

Leading the Sustainable Wey Fair Saturday, April 6, 2014 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Weymouth High School 1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth

An Earth Day interactive event to showcase the role of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM) in green industries. Sponsored by Weymouth Public Schools. For more information, visit:

http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151298923165213&set=a.379811420212.165616.154493655212&type=1&the ater or email elizabeth.harris@weymouthschools.org.

### **REGIONAL**

Charles River Cleanup Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. At sites all along the Charles River and its tributaries

Since 2000, the Charles River Watershed Association has coordinated the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup each April with a collaborative of other non-profit organizations. The Cleanup involves volunteers picking up trash at over 100 different cleanup sites along the Charles River and its tributaries. Volunteers participate as part of more than 100 different neighborhoods, school, religious, and corporate groups, as well as individually. Volunteers remove trash and debris (including television sets, bicycles, Styrofoam cups, and plastic bags) located in the river and on its banks at 100 sites along the 80-mile river. At last year's event, we estimate that we removed 50 tons of litter, making the Charles River cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful! The Charles River Cleanup is organized by a collaborative of groups interested in keeping the river and our communities clean and healthy, including Charles River Watershed Association, Charles River Conservancy, The Esplanade Association, Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Green Decade Newton, Senator

Brownsberger's Office,	, Waltham Land Trust and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. For n	nore
information and to sign	up, visit: http://www.crwa.org/cleanup.html	